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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - REGIONAL VISIT

REF: BEIRUT 3766 AND 3433

1. IN VIEW IMMIENT DECISION BY SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES TO ACQUIRE THREE NEW AIRCRAFT, WITH INDICATIONS THAT AIRBUS INDUSTRIES A-300B4 MAY POSE COMPETITIVE THREAT TO US AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS, RCAA BELIEVES BRIEF VISIT KEY SYRIAN AIRLNE OFFICIAL S AND DGCA MAY BE USEFUL IN HIGHLIGHTING USG INTEREST IN SYRIAN ACQUISITION NEW US TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT WITH ADDED STRESS ON SUPERIOR RANGE-FLEXIBILITY ALL THREE US AIRCRAFT TYPES AS COMPARED TO A-300B4.

2. SUBJECT USINT'S CONCURRENCE THAT VISIT WOULD SERVE OUR OVERALL INTERESTS, RCAA WOULD PROPOSE PROCEEDING DAMASCUS APRIL 10 OR APRIL 11 FOR JOINT RCAA/USINT CALLS ON DGCA AL-KHANI; AND SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES OFFICIAL S CHAIRMAN GEN. MOUKAYED, MANAGING DIRECTOR GEN. ANTAR, AND POSSIBLY TECHNICAL MANAGER NOURI ALEM AND PLANNING MANAGER BASHIR BALI.

3. IF USINT CONCURRS VISIT USEFUL, RCAA REQUESTS APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS APRIL 10 OR APRIL 11, WHICHEVER DATE MORE CONVENIENT FOR USINT. PLEASE ADVISE. GODLEY
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